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## **SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 1001**

### **A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL**

**URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO CONSIDER LEGISLATION THAT WOULD  
PROVIDE A LEGAL WORKER PROGRAM FOR IMMIGRANTS.**

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1 To the Congress of the United States:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, Arizona's border is breached daily by hundreds of illegal  
4 immigrants who risk their lives to find employment in the United States; and

5 Whereas, residents across Arizona do not want to read any more tragic  
6 stories of immigrants dying in the desert and these deaths often include  
7 mothers, children, sixteen year old boys and young fathers; and

8 Whereas, residents of border communities want the flood of people  
9 crossing their property and passing their homes to stop, many residents in  
10 Southern Arizona live in constant fear for their personal safety and business  
11 owners and individuals live with continuous property destruction that costs  
12 significant money to continually repair; and

13 Whereas, border counties in Arizona are burdened with millions of  
14 dollars of uncompensated expenses for emergency room treatment of illegal  
15 immigrants; and

16 Whereas, Arizona's agricultural businesses need legalized workers to  
17 harvest tomatoes, citrus, chili peppers and other fruits and vegetables and,  
18 without these workers, agricultural businesses cannot harvest their crops;  
19 and

20 Whereas, other businesses across the nation depend on illegal workers  
21 to maintain their production and business operations and studies by the  
22 United States Department of Labor report that illegal immigrant workers are  
23 a strong contributing factor to the strength of our nation's economy; and

24 Whereas, a legal worker program would halt the flood of illegal  
25 immigrants at our border and would free the border patrol from the continuous  
26 processing of illegal immigrants crossing our border and allow the border  
27 patrol to concentrate and stop the illegal drug smuggling and criminal  
28 activities that proliferate along the United States and Mexico border.

29 Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of  
30 Representatives concurring, prays:

31 1. That the Congress of the United States introduce and enact  
32 legislation that would establish a legal worker program for immigrants who  
33 enter our country through ports of entry, including regulations that require  
34 the employers to pay minimum wage to these workers, that require the workers  
35 to pay payroll taxes, that protect the workers from exploitation and that  
36 allow the workers to be eligible for employer-offered health insurance.

37 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies  
38 of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker  
39 of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress  
40 from the State of Arizona.

~~PASSED BY THE HOUSE MARCH 31, 2003.~~

~~PASSED BY THE SENATE JANUARY 30, 2003.~~

~~FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 1, 2003.~~

Passed the House March 31, 20 03,

by the following vote: 44 Ayes,

13 Nays, 3 Not Voting

Jake Flake

Speaker of the House

Cheryl Laube  
Asst. Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate January 30, 20 03,

by the following vote: 30 Ayes,

0 Nays, 0 Not Voting

Ken Blumenthal

President of the Senate

Charmie Bellinger

Secretary of the Senate

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this 1 day of April, 20 03,

at 4:20 o'clock P M.

Jamie L. Brewer  
Secretary of State